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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to
3 learn of the death of Eathel Johnson; and

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WHEREAS, Eathel Johnson was born on December 14, 1920, in
5 Shelby, Mississippi; her parents were the late Tommie and
6 Corrine Johnson; she was raised by her great-grandparents,
7 George and Elizabeth Henry; she became a mother as a young
8 woman, then married Allen Spears; she later married L.C.
9 Melton; and

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WHEREAS, Eathel Johnson confessed to Christ in 1932 at the
11 age of 12; she then became a member of Magnolia Baptist Church;
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WHEREAS, Eathel Johnson belonged to numerous churches; she
14 eventually found a home at the Pilgrim Missionary Baptist
15 Church in Winstonville, Mississippi, where she was an active
16 member for 50 years and served on the Usher and Mothers Boards;
17 after moving to Chicago, she joined the Greater New Birth
18 Church of God in Christ under the leadership of Elder Timothy
19 Dotson; and

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WHEREAS, Eathel Johnson is survived by her sons, Lamar
21 (Dessie) Johnson, Roy (Doris) Melton, and Donell (Gayle)

1 Melton; her stepson, Authur L. (Barbara) Melton; her daughters,
2 Freda (Ruben) Brown, Julia and Dorothy Spears, Ida (Ward)
3 Walker, Derotha Melton, Vercy (Lee) Melton Jones, Ella (Marion)
4 Bryant, and Texas and Paulette Melton; her brother, Robert
5 Franklin (Eloise); her sister-in-law, Lillie Davis; her
6 special cousin/sister, Martha Bulter; her 43 grandchildren;
7 her 48 great-grandchildren; her 6 great-great-grandchildren;
8 and her many other family members and friends; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
11 her family and friends, the passing of Eathel Johnson; and be
12 it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of Eathel Johnson as an expression of
15 our sympathy.